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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT & TRADEMARK OFFICE

IN RE APPLICATION OF :
NILS BOTTKKE, ET AL. : EXAMINER: O'SULLIVAN
SERIAL NO: 10/577,321 :
FILED: APRIL 28, 2006 : GROUP ART UNIT: 1621
FOR: METHOD FOR PRODUCING :
ALKYLARYL COMPOUNDS AND
ALKYLARYL SULPHONATES

RESPONSE TO THE REQUIREMENT FOR RESTRICTION

COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS
ALEXANDRIA, VIRGINIA 22313

SIR:

In response to the Requirement for Restriction mailed July 5, 2007, Applicants elect, with traverse, Group I: Claims 12-18 drawn to methods for preparing alkylaryl compounds.

Please be advised that Examiner O'Sullivan was contacted by telephone on July 23, 2007, regarding an incorrect "period for reply" for the Action. The Action indicates "3 months or thirty (30) days, whichever is longer" rather than the usual 1 month or thirty (30) days. Accordingly, no extensions of time have been sought in this application and none should have become due. Examiner O'Sullivan indicated in the telephone conversation that a corrected Office Action would be prepared and mailed but no such action has yet been received.

Applicants request that the Examiner expand the search to the non-elected claims of Group II, Claims 19-20, if the elected Group I claims are found allowable.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 2 of this paper.